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REVEALS NEW AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS

BAI THUONG AIRFIELD
BAI THUONG, NORTH VIETNAM
___1954N 10528E__

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS
AT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

BAI THUONG AIRFIELD IS LOCATED AT 19-54-04N 105-28-22E, APPROXIMATELY 4.8 NM EAST OF THE VILLAGE OF BAI THUONG, AND NINETEEN NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF THANH HOA.

3. MISSION READOUT:

AT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD. THE INSTALLATION NOW HAS A TOTAL OF FIFTY-EIGHT AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS, FORTY-FIVE OF WHICH ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED, AND TWELVE PROBABLE AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS. SOME ARE LOCATED AS FAR AS TWO NM WEST OF THE AIRFIELD IN WOODED AREAS AND SOME IN SMALL VILLAGES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THE BULK, HOWEVER, ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE AIRFIELD IN THREE DISPERSAL AREAS. ALL BUT TWO REVETMENTS ARE CONNECTED BY GOOD ROADS TO THE AIRFIELD.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE 7850 X 150 FT., NW/SE RUNWAY APPEARS COMPLETE

EXCEPT FOR FINAL SURFACING. THREE BOMB CRATERS ARE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH
EAST END OF THE RUNWAY AND TWO MORE ARE LOCATED IN THE GROUP OF AIRCRAFT

REVETMENTS ADJACENT TO THIS END OF THE RUNWAY. NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED.

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4. REMARKS:

ALTHOUGH IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NORTH VIETNAM CAN SUPPORT 150-200

COMBAT AIRCRAFT WITH ITS PRESENT JET-CAPABLE AIRFIELDS, COLLATERAL REPORTS

SUGGEST THAT INSUFFICIENT FACILITIES FOR DISPERSAL AND MAINTENANCE MAY BE

ONE REASON WHY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED WITH A

LARGER NUMBER OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. THE REPORTS FURTHER INDICATED THAT

NORTH VIETNAM WAS TAKING STEPS TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION THROUGH

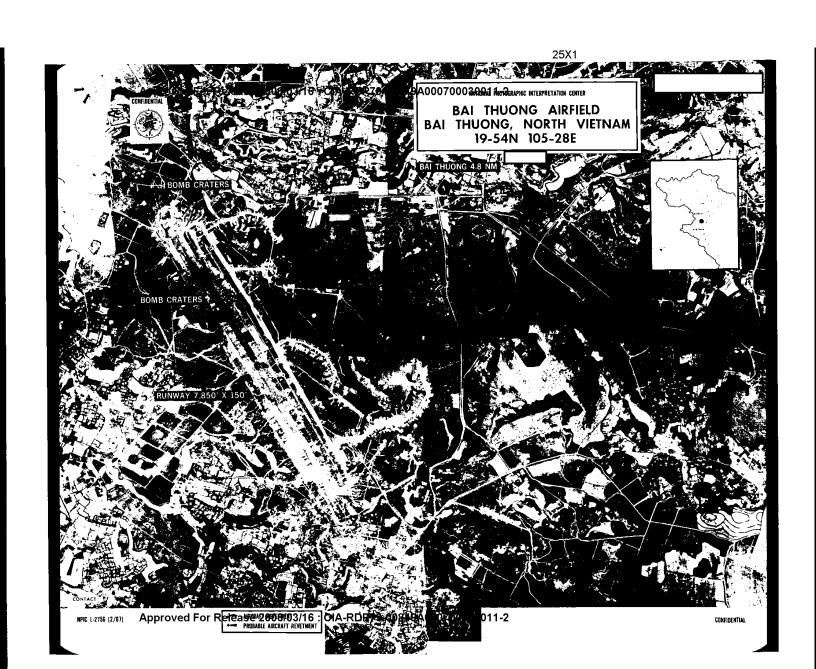
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRFIELDS.

THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, NEW AIRFIELDS HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH VIETNAM DURING 1966. ONE OF THESE, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE JULY 1965, IS AT BAI THUONG. THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF SEVERAL U.S. AIR STRIKES. WHILE WORK WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, RECENT PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS THAT WORK HAS AGAIN COMMENCED. 1

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